

Mare's Match[®]

foal milk replacer

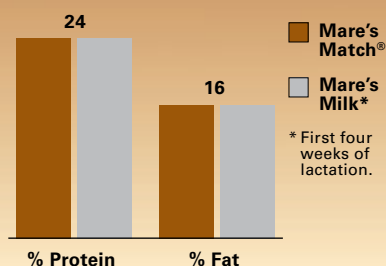


Peace of Mind for your foals.

Foaling season is an exciting time for horse owners, but in emergency situations when a mare isn't able to provide for her newborn foal, foals need your support. LAND O LAKES Mare's Match[®] foal milk replacer provides the nutrients your orphan foals need.

Mare's Match[®] is made with high quality milk protein and fat levels, providing the nutrition your foals need to reach their maximum potential when the mare is unable to produce for the foal.

Mare's Match[®] vs. Mare's Milk



Mare's Match[®] closely matches the composition of mare's milk, with 24% high quality milk protein and 16% homogenized fat. The non-medicated formula has shown weight and growth similar to that of suckling foals.

Mare's Match[®] foal milk replacer is formulated to:

- Meet the nutritional requirements of growing foals
- Provide maximum digestibility to meet foals' energy requirements
- Help foals grow as well and look as good as on the mare
- Mix conveniently and quickly

Mare's Match[®] foal milk replacer is best suited for:

- Orphan foals
- Foals with inadequate milk supply
- Foals with mares who won't allow foal to nurse
- Foals born from sick mares

Mare's Match[®] foal milk replacer feeding program:

For optimum results, insure that foals receive at least two quarts of colostrum immediately following birth. Then begin feeding Mare's Match[®] foal milk replacer and transition to Mare's Match[®] foal milk transition pellets during weeks 6 through 8.

Through all periods, mix 0.25 pound foal milk replacer powder in one quart of 110-120 degree Fahrenheit water. Feed mixed milk replacer at 100-105 degrees Fahrenheit. Completely sanitize feeding equipment after each feeding and reseal package between feedings to maintain freshness.

Suggested Feeding Program

Age of Foal	Number of Feedings Per Day	Feeding Rates Per Foal Daily, Quarts*
1 Day	-	Colostrum
2-7 Days**	4	4-8
2nd Week	4	6-12
3rd and 4th Week	3	8-15
5th Week	3	6-12
6th-8th Week	2	4-8

*Higher feeding rates are designed for larger foals where maximum growth rate is desired. Ponies should be fed at 1/2 the lowest feeding rate for each age period.

**Begin feeding in small amounts a high quality foal creep ration and fresh, clean water at all times. Gradually increase feeding rate over time.

For best results, feed foals Mare's Match[®] foal milk replacer for the first 8 weeks and transition to Mare's Match[®] foal milk transition pellets to ease the stress of weaning.



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Foal Management Practices

The long-term success of a foal begins at birth. Combine LAND O LAKES Mare's Match® foal milk replacer with good management practices to raise strong, healthy foals.

Provide a clean environment

Reduce exposure to bacteria by providing a dry, draft-free stall. Clean the stall regularly to help reduce bacterial and viral disease and prevent ammonia build-up, which can cause foal pneumonia.

Check for signs of a healthy newborn

- Foal should be able to sit up on its chest within minutes after birth.
- Mucous membranes should be red or pink.
- Foal should be breathing easily within 15 minutes and have a suckling reflex within 20 minutes.
- Foal should be able to stand within 20 to 30 minutes and nurse within 1 hour or less. The foal should be alert and able to recognize its mother.

A veterinarian should evaluate the mare and foal within 12 hours after birth. The veterinarian will check the mare's general condition and evaluate the environment. The foal will also be checked for color, cleft palate, heart, legs, suckling reflex and condition of the navel stump.

Provide colostrum immediately

Foals are born with no disease-fighting antibodies. Disinfect the navel with iodine immediately after birth to prevent invasion of bacteria. Then provide essential antibodies to the foal through colostrum, or the first milk of lactation produced by the mare.

Provide colostrum to foals within 2 hours of birth; the foal is able to absorb the most colostrum during that time and is only able to absorb colostrum during the first 24 to 36 hours after birth. Use a colostrometer to measure the quality of colostrum.

Keep frozen colostrum and a high-quality milk replacer on hand should the mare fail to produce adequate nutrients. Thaw colostrum at room temperature and test with a colostrometer to ensure efficacy.

Foals should be standing when drinking colostrum. If the foal cannot suckle, a stomach tube may be used. The procedure is very delicate and veterinary assistance is recommended. A blood test can be performed at 24 hours of age to determine the absorption of antibodies.

Provide Mare's Match® foal milk replacer

A foal needs to consume approximately 25 percent of its bodyweight – or four 1-quart feedings – in reliquified milk each day. Larger foals typically require even greater volumes. If the mare is unable to produce this level of nutrients, feed LAND O LAKES Mare's Match® foal milk replacer.

Any unused milk replacer that has been mixed should be discarded to prevent bacterial growth and contamination. Completely clean and sanitize all feeding and mixing equipment after each feeding.

Transition to Mare's Match® foal milk transition pellets

To continue high growth rates and ease the transition to weaning, offer LAND O LAKES Mare's Match® foal milk transition pellets at week six and feed the transition pellets to weanlings until 5 months of age.



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